

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

By use of the aforementioned antibody, a specific apoA-I contained in a human specimen can be assayed through any conventional immunological assay method. Blood plasma or blood serum is used as the specimen. Examples of the employable immunological assay method include RIA, EIA, and similar methods performed on the basis of a conventional competition method or sandwich method. When these methods are employed, a labeled antibody of the present invention may also be used. Examples of the substance for labeling include enzymes such as peroxidase, alkaline phosphatase, glucoamylase, and β -~~galactoxidase~~ galactosidase, and radioactive substances such as ^{125}I , ^{131}I , and tritium. Examples of supports for immobilizing the antibody include a variety of plastic wells and plastic beads.